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SUBJECT: SAG ALSO ENCOURAGING RAPID LEBANESE PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS WITHOUT CONDITION

REF: SECSTATE 163945

Classified By: Political Counselor David Rundell
for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. PolOff delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign
Affairs Head of Arab Department Ambassador Dr. Saleh
al-Koheimi on December 8. Al-Koheimi stated that the SAG
also supports the encouragement of immediate Lebanese
presidential elections without condition, and he asserted
that the Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon has been pursuing this
agenda for weeks. He also stated that the SAG is hopeful
that the next planned election reportedly to be held on
December 18 will be successful.
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